

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-113. (Canceled)

114. (Currently amended) At least one computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon which, when executed, perform a [[A]] method comprising:

before providing access to making information available to a user, requesting consent of [[a]] the user to electronic delivery of the information; and

once the consent is deemed given by the user, enabling the delivery of the information to the user.

115. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114 wherein the method further comprising comprises receiving the consent.

116. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 115 wherein the consent is received over a communications link.

117. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114 further comprising storing an indication of the consent.

118. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114 wherein enabling the delivery of information comprises sending the information.

119. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 118 wherein enabling the delivery of information comprises sending the information to the user in an electronic form.

120. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim
118 wherein enabling the delivery of information comprises providing instructions for obtaining the
information electronically.

121. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim
118 wherein enabling the delivery of information comprises providing an address on the Internet
where the information is located.

122. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim
114 wherein the consent is deemed given by an affirmative action from the user.

123. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim
114 wherein the consent is requested by sending the user a computer-readable device.

124. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of any
one of claims 114-123 wherein the information is securities information.

125. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim
124 wherein the information is compliance information.

126-195. (Canceled)

196. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim
124, wherein the securities information relates to one or more mutual funds.

197. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 121, wherein the address on the Internet is an address on the World Wide Web.

198. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein the information comprises a plurality of items of information.

199. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein consent is deemed given by the user upon the user expressly consenting to electronic delivery.

200. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein consent is deemed given by the user when a predetermined period passes after requesting the user's consent without the user having expressly consented to electronic delivery.

201. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein requesting consent comprises requesting the user's consent to the electronic delivery of a first type of information, and wherein enabling the delivery of the information comprises enabling the delivery of information of the first type to the user.

202. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 201, wherein the first type of information relates to a first type of document.

203. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 201, wherein the first type of information relates to a first type of transaction.

204. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein requesting consent comprises requesting the user's consent to a single electronic delivery of information.

205. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein requesting consent comprises requesting the user's consent to one or more electronic deliveries of information to occur in the future.

206. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 205, wherein the information comprises compliance information, and wherein each electronic delivery is to occur after a filing of compliance information by a securities issuer.

207. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein consent is deemed given by the user if consent is deemed given by an entity acting on behalf of the user.

208. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 114, wherein the information comprises a first item and one or more other items, and wherein enabling the delivery of the information to the user comprises enabling the delivery of the first item to the user and making the one or more other items of information available to the user when the delivery of the first item is enabled.

209. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 208, wherein making the one or more other items of information available to the user comprises making the one or more other items available to the user in hard copy form.

210. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim 208, wherein making the one or more other items of information available to the user comprises making the one or more other items available to the user in electronic form.

211. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium method of claim [[114]] 212, wherein the method further comprising comprises, if consent is deemed to not be given by the user, enabling the delivery of the information to the user in hard copy form.

212. (Currently amended) At least one computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon which, when executed, perform a [[A]] method comprising:

before providing access to making information available to a user, requesting consent of [[a]] the user to electronic delivery of the information; and

if consent is deemed given by the user, enabling the delivery of the information to the user.

213-219. (Canceled)

220. (New) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 114, wherein the requesting consent comprises expressly requesting the user's affirmative consent.

221. (New) A system comprising at least one processor programmed to:

before making information available to a user, request consent of the user to electronic delivery of the information; and

once the consent is deemed given by the user, enable the delivery of the information to the user.

222. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to receive the consent.

223. (New) The system of claim 222, wherein the consent is received over a communications link.

224. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to store an indication of the consent.

225. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the delivery of information by sending the information to the user.

226. (New) The system of claim 225, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the delivery of information by sending the information to the user in an electronic form.

227. (New) The system of claim 225, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the delivery of information by providing instructions for obtaining the information electronically.

228. (New) The system of claim 225, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the delivery of information by providing an address on the Internet where the information is located.

229. (New) The system of claim 228, wherein the address on the Internet is an address on the World Wide Web.

230. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to deem consent to be given via an affirmative action from the user.

231. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to request the consent by causing a computer-readable device to be sent to the user.

232. (New) The system of any one of claims 221-231, wherein the information is securities information.

233. (New) The system of claim 232, wherein the information is compliance information.

234. (New) The system of claim 232, wherein the securities information relates to one or more mutual funds.

235. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the information comprises a plurality of items of information.

236. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to deem consent to be given upon the user expressly consenting to electronic delivery.

237. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further

programmed to deem consent to be given when a predetermined period passes after requesting the user's consent without the user having expressly consented to electronic delivery.

238. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to request consent by requesting the user's consent to the electronic delivery of a first type of information, and wherein enabling the delivery of the information comprises enabling the delivery of information of the first type to the user.

239. (New) The system of claim 238, wherein the first type of information relates to a first type of document.

240. (New) The system of claim 238, wherein the first type of information relates to a first type of transaction.

241. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to request consent by requesting the user's consent to a single electronic delivery of information.

242. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to request consent by requesting the user's consent to one or more electronic deliveries of information to occur in the future.

243. (New) The system of claim 242, wherein the information comprises compliance information, and wherein each electronic delivery is to occur after a filing of compliance information by a securities issuer.

244. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to deem consent to be given by the user if consent is deemed given by an entity acting on behalf of the user.

245. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the information comprises a first item and one or more other items, and wherein enabling the delivery of the information to the user comprises enabling the delivery of the first item to the user and making the one or more other items of information available to the user when the delivery of the first item is enabled.

246. (New) The system of claim 245, wherein making the one or more other items of information available to the user comprises making the one or more other items available to the user in hard copy form.

247. (New) The system of claim 245, wherein making the one or more other items of information available to the user comprises making the one or more other items available to the user in electronic form.

248. (New) The system of claim 221, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to request consent by expressly requesting the user's affirmative consent.

249. (New) A system comprising at least one processor programmed to:
before making information available to a user, request consent of the user to electronic delivery of the information; and
if consent is deemed given by the user, enable the delivery of the information to the user.

250. (New) The system of claim 249, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to, if consent is deemed to not be given by the user, enable the delivery of the information to the user in hard copy form.

251. (New) The system of claim 249, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to request consent by expressly requesting the user's affirmative consent.